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SUBJECT: DISAPPEARANCE OF PRIMITIVO MIJARES

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1. ONLY MENTION OF MIJARES' DISSAPPEARANCE IN LOCAL PRESS HAS BEEN APRIL 13 VALENCIA COLUMN IN EXPRESS. HE WORTE, "TIBO MIJARES HAS BEEN MISSION IN SAN FRANCISCO. INQUIRIES HAVE YIELDED NEGATIVE RESULTS."

2. EVEN BEFORE MIJARES' "DISSAPPEARANCE" HEADLINED IN APRIL 16-22 PHILIPPINE NEWS, RUMORS WERE MAKING THE ROUNDS OF MANILA COFFEE SHOPS. ONE IS THAT MIJARES WAS ABOARD PLANE DIVERTED BY CHANCE TO MANILA. HIS NAME NOTICED ON MANIFEST BY ALERT SECURITY OFFICIAL, AND GENERAL VER ORDERED HIM TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.

3. OTHER RUMOR IS THAT MIJARES FACES SEVERE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS IN US (HE WAS NOTORIOUS GAMBLER) AND DECIDED TO DISAPPEAR. HIS LETTER TO ANDERSON, COMMON LAW WIFE'S CALLS TO FRIENDS, ETC. WERE ALL PART OF EFFORT TO MAKE IT APPEAR HE WAS MISSING, NOT IN HIDING FROM CREDITORS.

4. AS BETWEEN RUMORS, WE ARE MORE INCLINED TO CONJECTURE
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MIJARES HIDING FROM HIS CREDITORS THAN THAT HE PRISONER OF MARCOS REGIME. POSSSIBILITY OF HIS PLANE BEING REROUTED TO MANILA DN HIS BEING PICKED UP BY GOP INTELLIGENCE STRIKES US A REQUIRING TOO MUCH COINCIDENCE. MOREOVER, TONE OF ESCLAMADO PIECE IN PHILIPPINE NEWS IS NOT WHAT IT SHOULD BE IF HE THOUGH MIJARES REALLY DETAINED HERE.

5. WE NOTE FROM PHILIPPINE TIMES VIJARES SEEMS TO BE PLAYING HIS ROGUE ROLE TO THE HILT. HIS ALLEGED STATEMENT THAT MFP OFFICIALS PUT OUT MAFIA CONTRACT ON HIM SO THEY COULD BLAME HIS DEMISE ON MARCOS SUGGESTS HE WAS PREPARED TO BREAK OR HAD BROKEN WITH MANGLAPUS GROUP. POSSIBILITY OF HIS RETURN TO MARCOS FOLD, HOWEVER, ESPECAILLY AFTER PUBLICATION OF "CONJUGAL DICTATORSHIP," STRIKES US AS EXCEEDINGLY REMOTE, ALTHOUGH POSSIBILITY MIJARES MAY HAVE ACCEPTED SUBSTANTIAL SUM FROM GOP TO DO A VANISHING ACT IS NOT BEYOND REALM OF POSSIBILITY.

6. COMMENT: WE SHALL REPORT WHATEVER ELES WE PICK UP HERE, BUT GIVEN NATURE OF MISSING PERSON AND FILIPINO PENCHANT FOR CONSPIRACY THEORIES AND INTRIGUE, SEPARATION OF FACT AND FANTASY MAY PROVE DIFFICULT. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT KEEPING US INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS ON US END. STULL

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